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PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicants : Demmer et al./Sartorius

Group Art Unit :

Serial No. : 09/936,065

Examiner: Karen M. Williams

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Title : ADSORPTIVE MEMBRANE DEVICE
FOR TREATING PARTICLE-LADEN LIQUID FEEDS

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the above-identified Notification mailed November 2, 2001 ,
applicant respectfully points out the following.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

The English translation submitted by applicant is verified under 18 USC §1001 by
a sworn statement from the translator to the effect that it is an accurate translation of the
International Application No. PCT/EP 001 08678.

In a telephone conversation between the undersigned and Karen Williams on November 20, 2001, Ms. Williams stated that the translation was deemed to be defective because the last two paragraphs on page 1 of the translation allegedly did not appear in the German language version of the International Application. However, this is incorrect, as those two paragraphs do indeed appear in the original International Application at page 1, lines 27-33.

It should also be noted that applicant submitted a substitute specification in the English language, which begins with a claim to priority at page 1, lines 4-6 ("Pursuant to 35 USC §365(b)..."). This substitute specification is not the English translation referred to above.

Accordingly, the English language translation is respectfully submitted to be a true translation of the International Application and no processing fee is required.

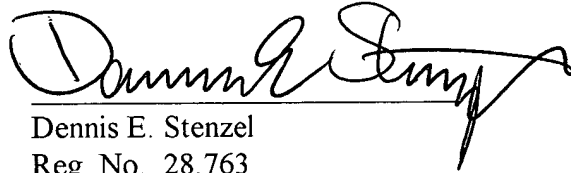
DECLARATION

The Notification also states that the Declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it does not identify the application by the International Application number and international filing date. However, this is incorrect in that the Declaration does in fact recite the International Application Number of PCT/EP 00/08678 and the international filing date of 6 September 2000, at page 2 of the Declaration.

In the same telephone conversation between the undersigned and Karen Williams, Ms. Williams stated that the Declaration was deemed to be defective because the title of the invention did not match the title of the International Application. In response, the undersigned can verify that, although the titles are different, the inventions are identical and the International Application Number and filing date recited in the Declaration are correct and do indeed refer to the International Application, the priority of which is claimed.

Accordingly, the Declaration filed with the application is respectfully submitted to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), and no surcharge for late filing is required.

Respectfully submitted,

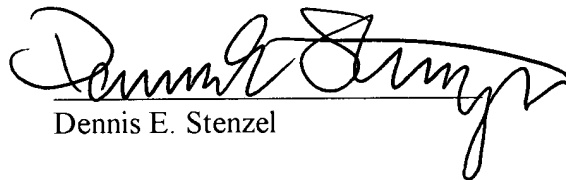
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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